Subject: Indian Peace medal -- ANS offers to buy

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March 12th 1929

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I have in my possession a silver medal a reproduction of which I have endeavored to make and inclose.

This medal was plowed up on land in Mississippi that had at one time been in possession of an indian chief.

As I understand it, one of these medals was given by Geo. III of England to each chief of the five allied tribes.

I also inclose to you a copy of a letter I have recently received from the keeper of the Department of Coins and medals of the British Museum.

If you can enlighten me on the

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history of these medals I will very much appreciate it.

Yours very truly
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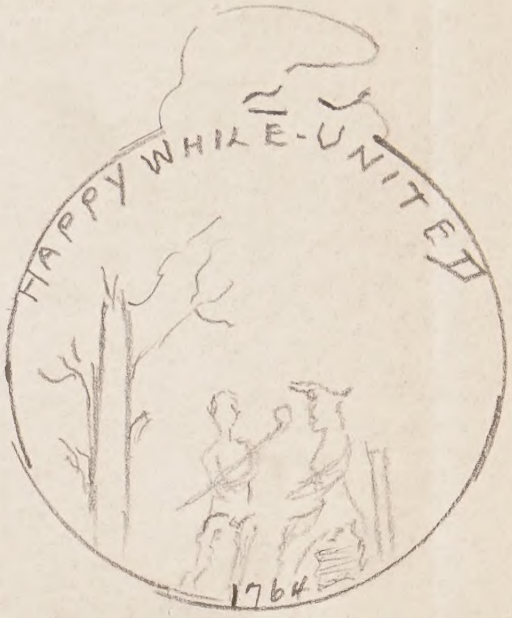
copy of letter from British museum.

Medals of the type described by you are well known. One of these medals dated 1757 is in this museum, and is connected with the alliances formed by England with various American Indian chiefs after the rupture with France in 1756.

I believe that a member of the American Numismatic Society of New York, Broadway at 156 st. is working on the subject, and I suggest that you write the Sec. of that society.

Yours faithfully
George F Hill
Keeper



The figures are all raised above the surface of the medal. The small figures on right hand reproduction represent an Indian and a colonist with a peace pipe. On the top of the medal is a wing and a pipe.

March 19, 1929

Mr. Hamilton A. Dinsmore
516 Caples Building
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

Your medal belongs to the large series of so-called "Indian Peace Medals". Your piece was made in New York in 1764. Some others were made a few years earlier. Most of them were sent to Port, Detroit, for distribution.

They came in two sizes; the large one, slightly over three inches in diameter, is quite scarce. The one you have, although rare, is picked up now and then.

There is no fixed price on these medals. If you have any idea what you want for it, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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16th April, 1929

Mr. Hamilton A. Dinsmore,
516 Caples Building,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

A while ago you wrote to us concerning an Indian Peace Medal, and we replied on March 19th. Have you come to any decision as to what you want to do with this medal?

Very truly yours,

Curator

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April 22nd.,1929

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th.,inst., relative to the indian peace medal which I have.

I have never had any serious intentions of selling this medal and have never tried to find out its monetary value.

I have had several offers from different people and concerns for the medal but have never seriously entertained any intention of getting rid of it,

If you care to do so I will consider any offer which you have to make.

I am inclosing to you a picture of the medal which does not do it justice as the shaded parts are too dark,especially the date,which is perfectly legible on the medal and does not show up on the picture.

Yours very truly,

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27th April, 1929

Mr. Hamilton A. Dinsmore,
516 Caples Building,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 22d, we are prepared to give you $125 for your Indian Peace Medal. This offer naturally is subject to our inspection of the medal. We have a very fine specimen of the 1766 medal, but our specimen dated 1764 has the pipe and wing badly broken. We note in your photograph that the pipe seems to be slightly broken.

Very truly yours,

Curator